

Johnson C. Smith University (“JCSU”) 30-Day Fund Report
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting:
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
September 30, 2020

On April 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education announced funds made available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act”) would be distributed immediately to colleges and universities to provide direct emergency cash grants to students. Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

On May 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education posted their reporting requirements for HEERF participating institutions.

Each HEERF participating institution is responsible for providing this information in report format (the “30-day Fund Report”). In addition, these participating institutions are required to post the information listed below on the institution’s primary website. Accordingly, the following information will be easily accessible to the public and made available 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter.

The Johnson C. Smith University hereby addresses questions for the “30-day Fund Report”:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

JCSU Response: JCSU completed and submitted the Funding Certification Agreement on Friday, April 13, 2020. A committee was established in order to deliver 50% of the funding to students impacted by the COVID - 19 pandemic.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

JCSU Response: JCSU received \$1,359,234 in funding to be distributed among its FASFA eligible students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

JCSU Response: As of 9/30/20, JCSU has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants in the amount of \$1,307,100.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

JCSU Response: JCSU identified all of the students that were FASFA eligible through Financial Aid department - 1,235 students.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

JCSU Response: To all these students previously identified as FASFA eligible (1,235), they received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

JCSU Response: From the recommendation presented by the awarding committee, the decision was to provide each student that was FASFA eligible a check for \$1,000. This amount resulted in \$1,235,000 (1,235 students x \$1,000). Next from the same student pool, an email sent to them requesting for any additional needs for emergency funding. From the eligible pool, 206 students requested addition support and were awarded a \$350 check for additional emergency funding totaling \$72,100. As of August 31, 2020, a total of \$1,307,100 of the funds of the Student Emergency Relief Fund has been awarded.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

JCSU Response: To the FASFA eligible students, we sent them an email informing them of the grant and it was funded by the Cares Act. Information on the grant is posted on the institution's website: www.jcsu.edu.